

7. I declare that the present invention was conceived prior to the filing of the Ngo reference and was pursued with diligence from the time of conception until the filing date of the present application.

8. Evidentiary support for conception and diligence prior to the Ngo filing is provided in the application as filed. Figure 1 of the application comprises two electron micrographs. Each electron micrograph is provided indicia emplaced by the automatic camera system used to take the pictures. Each micrograph is dated 13-Jul-00 (July 13, 2000).

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under 18 U. S. C. § 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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